

Course Prospectus

THL 200 Principles of Christian Living

Course Description

Credit: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: *None*

Corequisites: *None*

This course covers the purpose for human life and biblical principles for achieving that purpose. Topics include the foundations for choices in life, life plans, interpersonal relationships and fundamental values related to health, social development, dating, marriage, family life, parenting, life transitions, aging and death. Upon completion, students should be able to explain and demonstrate a basic knowledge of practical Christian living. A set of contemporary lectures by Dr. Douglas Winnail dealing with the foundations of Christian living in today's world.

Course Objectives

On completion of the course, a student should be able to:

1. Provide sound reasons for believing in God and for using the Bible as a guide for making fundamental choices in life.
2. Contrast what the Bible reveals about the purpose and path of life with assumptions made by atheists about life and values.
3. Describe biblical principles for setting goals and achieving success in life.
4. Discuss biblical principles that promote health, the wise use of time and the choice and preparation for careers.
5. Describe biblical principles for Christian social development, marriage, parenting and handling the challenges of family life.
6. Discuss what the Bible reveals about aging and death.
7. Describe what the Bible reveals about spiritual growth and maturity.

Required Books and Readings

Textbook

The Bible – preferably the New King James edition (also consult other translations)

Booklets

The following booklets are available online in PDF format:

Winnail, Douglas S. The Real God: Proofs and Promises

Winnail, Douglas S. The Bible: Fact or Fiction

Meredith, Roderick C. Your Ultimate Destiny

Meredith, Roderick C. The Ten Commandments

Meredith, Roderick C. What is a True Christian?

Herbert W. Armstrong The Seven Laws of Success

Articles

The following articles are available online in PDF format:

Winnail, Douglas S. *Do You Really Want to Eat That?*

Winnail, Douglas S. *Don't Eat the Clean Up Crew*

Quizzes and Examinations

Each assignment has an associated online **Drill and Practice Quiz**. These range from 10-20 questions. They are open book quizzes and there is no time limit. A quiz should help you master the material in the assignment. It also provides you with practice in test taking. The three exams discussed below will draw multiple questions from the quizzes. Therefore, it is important for you to understand and commit the quiz material to memory. On the other hand, exams are timed, closed book tests to be taken online. They are not proctored. As Living University students do not cheat, steal or lie, we rely on our student's integrity.

Grading

Your course grade will be determined based on the number of points you have earned over the semester as follows:

Drill & Practice Quizzes (320 points)

Writing Assignments (320 points)

Final Essay (60 points)

Exam 1 (100 points) [online, closed book]

Exam 2 (100 points) [online, closed book]

Exam 3 (100 points) [online, closed book]

TOTAL 1,000 points

By getting your autobiography posted on time you can earn **25 bonus points**. These points could make the difference between an A or a B, or passing or not passing. Grades are assigned in the traditional American style of A, B, C, D or F. In distance learning we believe that mastery of the subject is achieved when a student can demonstrate that they have

achieved 80% of the objectives for a course. That means that we want you to earn at least 800 points in this course. If you do not do so then you have not developed the mastery we would like you to have. We want this course to be competency-based and so it is possible for the entire class to receive an A or B. There is no artificial curving of scores in the assignment of grades (if you don't know what this means, don't worry about it). Also, don't go on a guilt trip if you get a C. That is an honorable grade. If you get a D or below you might want to take the course again. Mastery of the material is what your goal should be.

Grades are assigned by points as follows:

A = 900 – 1000 points

B = 800 – 900 points

C = 700 – 800 points

D = 600 – 700 points

F = below 600 points

Getting Started

At a minimum you need a Bible that you can read and mark. Also, make sure you are familiar with navigating through this online course system.

Your very first assignment is a bonus assignment by which you introduce yourself to your professor and classmates using the bulletin board. By doing so "on time" you can earn 25 bonus points in this course. Simply tell the class about yourself and your goals. This is not a place for a profession of faith, or the details of your conversion experience, or problems you have had with previous fellowships, as that information is more of a private nature. Here you inform your classmates what you would like them to know about you. As we have people from all over the world enrolled in this course each autobiography will help us know and appreciate each other.